



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Who:** County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works
- What:** A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and issued for the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works, Toro Creek Road at Toro Creek Bridge Replacement Project. The purpose of this project is to improve public safety by replacing the existing bridge, considered functionally obsolete, with a new bridge that will conform to current standards. In addition to serving residences along Toro Creek Road, the bridge also provides access for wildland firefighting. The proposed bridge replacement would consist of a single span, cast-in-place concrete slab structure measuring 60 feet long and 24 feet wide, with two 10-foot traffic lanes, and concrete barriers. Traffic will be accommodated during construction with a temporary detour bridge adjacent to the existing bridge. Construction activities would occur over a period of 6 months and are anticipated to begin in May 2027. Construction will be scheduled during the non-rainy season when conditions are dry, or creek flows are at their lowest, however creek diversion and dewatering may be required. Avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures will be implemented to ensure project impacts are less than significant. The project is located within the Salinas River Subarea of the North County Planning Area, Supervisorial District 2, approximately 2 miles north of State Route 41 and west of Atascadero in a rural, unincorporated area of the county.
- Where:** Copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and all the associated documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review on the County's website at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/forms-documents/environmental-determinations>, as well as at the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works, 976 Osos Street, County Government Center Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.
- Comments:** The 30-day review and comment period for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on March 10, 2025, and ends on April 9, 2025. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period and should be addressed to: Sal Zaragoza, Environmental Specialist, [szaragoza@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:szaragoza@co.slo.ca.us), County Government Center, Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.
- Public Hearing:** The County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The hearing is tentatively scheduled sometime in 2025. Interested persons can access the Board of Supervisor's agenda at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/board-of-supervisors/board-meetings,-agendas-and-minutes>, to locate the date of the public hearing for this project.